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PRESIDENT PEREZ

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FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT PEREZ:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: LAST FEBRUARY I AGREED TO
LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY, PERHAPS
WITH FORD FOUNDATION COLLABORATION, REGARDING THE CON-
VERSION OF THE VENEZUELAN INDUSTRIAL EXPERIMENTAL CENTER
FOR EXPORTATION (CIEPE) AT SAN FELIPE INTO A LATIN
AMERICAN FOOD RESEARCH CENTER. ON THE BASIS OF A PRELIMI-
NARY STUDY CONDUCTED BY AID AT MY REQUEST, I FIND YOUR
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INQUIRY EMINENTLY WORTH EXPLORING IN DETAIL THROUGH THE

EXPERTISE OF APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, POSSIBLY UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (IGAD/LAC).
IN THIS REGARD, AN IGAD/LAC WORKING GROUP MIGHT BE FORMED
CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT,

THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
(IICA), AND THE FORD FOUNDATION. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
MIGHT ALSO BE DRAWN UPON SUCH AS THE LEAGUE FOR
INTERNATIONAL FOOD EDUCATION, THE INSTITUTE OF FOOD
TECHNOLOGISTS AND APPROPRIATE UNIVERSITIES. WE ARE
PREPARED TO SUPPORT A VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL TO THE
IGAD/LAC TO CONDUCT SUCH AN IN-DEPTH STUDY. PLEASE LET
ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT. HABIB

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